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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ISRAEL PONDERS CEASE-FIRE

THE ISRAELI CABINET CONCLUDED A LONG MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9 AND ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THAT ISRAEL'S "POSITIVE POSITION REGARDING THE SIGNING OF A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT IS STILL IN EFFECT." IT WAS FURTHER STATED THAT CONTACTS WITH THE US ARE CONTINUING. (UNCLASSIFIED) FBIS 146, 11/9.

2. FRENCH DEFEND NOVEMBER 9 EC ME DECLARATION

A QUAI OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT THE EC MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 9 WAS RELATED

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DIRECTLY TO THE PROBLEM OF OIL SUPPLIES FOR EC

MEMBERS THREATENED BY THE ARAB EMBARGO. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE DECLARATION WILL PERMIT AN INFORMAL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE DECLARATION PUTS THE ARABS ON NOTICE THAT THEIR PERFORMANCE NOW WILL DETERMINE HOW FORTHCOMING THE EC NINE WILL BE IN GIVING THEM TRADE ADVANTAGES IN THE COMMON MARKET.
(CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 28959, 11/9 (LIMDIS).

3. JAPANESE AWAIT SECRETARY KISSINGER

EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO TAKE ACTION TO ALLEVIATE THE IMPENDING OIL SUPPLY CRISIS. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN USING THE OCCASION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UPCOMING VISIT TO HOLD THE LINE AGAINST SUCH DRASTIC PRO-ARAB MOVES AS BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. IF THE SECRETARY CAN ASSURE THE JAPANESE THAT PROGRESS IS TAKING PLACE TOWARD A SETTLEMENT WHICH PROMISES FULL RESUMPTION OF OIL EXPORTS IN A REASONABLE TIME, THE JAPANESE MAY BE ABLE TO LIMIT THEIR ACTION TO A MODEST STEP SUCH AS SENDING A POLITICAL EMISSARY TO THE ARABS WITH OFFERS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION.
(SECRET) TOKYO 14664, 11/9.

4. THAI FACE NEW PRIORITIES

HAVING SUCCEEDED IN RESTORING PUBLIC ORDER AFTER THE RECENT COUP, THAILAND'S NEW SANYA GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONCENTRATING ON OTHER PROBLEMS. EMBASSY BANGKOK SEES THE FIRST PRIORITY AS THE PROMULGATION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS. OTHER PRIORITIES INCLUDE DDISMANTLING THE FORMER LEADERS' POWER, CONTROLLING INFLATION, REFORMING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND CREATING AN IMAGE OF RESPONSIVENESS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) BANGKOK 17555, 11/9.

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5. DOMESTIC POLITICS WEIGH ON CHOU'S MIND

CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG SEES MOUNTING EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND CONTROVERSY OVER DOMESTIC POLITICS IN THE PRC, INCLUDING SIGNS POINTING TO PREMIER CHOU AS A TARGET OF CRITICISM. HOWEVER, THE VIGOR OF CHOU'S LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE, HIGHLY VISIBLE

IN APPEARANCES WITH FOREIGN GUESTS, REMAINS UNCHANGED,
AND THERE SEEKS NO LIKELIHOOD NOW OF AN EARLY DECLINE
IN HIS POLITICAL POWER. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG
11268, 11/9.

6. DACCA VIEWS PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH IMPASSE

EMBASSY DACCA RECOMMENDS THAT THE US NOT BECOME INVOLVED AS A BROKER IN THE CURRENT PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH IMPASSE. BANGLADESH FEELS THAT PAKISTAN HAS GONE BACK ON THE DELHI AGREEMENT BY AGAIN LINKING THE BANGLADESH RENUNCIATION OF WAR CRIMES TRIALS WITH PAKISTANI AGREEMENT TO BANGLADESH UN MEMBERSHIP. BANGLADESH PRIME MINISTER MUJIBER RAHMAN WANTS NO FURTHER COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE, AND A US EFFORT TO MEDIATE COULD WELL BACKFIRE AND FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO MUJIB'S RIGIDITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) DACCA 4908, LL/9. RUSH

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